

HOUSE No. 188

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh and others
relatie to creditable service for retirement purposes for certain vet-
erans. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Martin J. Walsh
Michael F. Rush

Robert K. Coughlin
Joyce A. Spiliotis

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REGARDING PENSIONS FOR VETERANS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Paragraph (h) of subdivision (1) of section 4 of
2 chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
3 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the
4 following:— “Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or
5 any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary;
6 for the purpose of this paragraph the term veteran shall be defined
7 as any person whose last discharge or release from service in the
8 army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, air force or WAAC of the
9 United States, or the armed forces of the commonwealth, was
10 under honorable conditions.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 71 of the Acts of 1996 is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end of the second paragraph the
3 following sentence:—
4 “Members who become eligible by an amendment to this
5 chapter shall make application for such creditable service within
6 one hundred and eighty days of the receipt of a letter from such

7 member's retirement system indicating the terms and conditions
8 of such eligibility."

1 SECTION 3. Section 3 of chapter 71 of the Acts of 1996 is
2 hereby amended by striking the last paragraph and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:—

4 "Terms used in this act shall have the same meaning as those
5 terms defined in section 1 of chapter thirty-two of the General
6 Laws as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, except as other-
7 wise provided in this act."